



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA-2010-0029]

Amtrak's Request to Conduct Regression Testing of Its Certified Positive Train Control System

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for comments.

SUMMARY: This document provides the public with notice that on January 6, 2023, the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) submitted a document entitled “Advanced Civil Speed Enforcement System (ACSES II) Regression Test Waiver Request,” to FRA. Amtrak asks FRA to approve its request to conduct regression testing of its FRA-certified ACSES II positive train control (PTC) system on its PTC-equipped track.

DATES: FRA will consider comments received by [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*]. FRA may consider comments received after that date to the extent practicable and without delaying implementation of valuable or necessary modifications to a PTC system.

ADDRESSES: All comments concerning this proceeding should identify the agency name and Docket Number FRA-2010-0029, and may be submitted on

<https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

For convenience, all active PTC dockets are hyperlinked on FRA’s website at

<https://railroads.dot.gov/train-control/ptc/ptc-annual-and-quarterly-reports>. All

comments received will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>; this includes any personal information.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 6, 2017, FRA certified Amtrak's ACSES II PTC system under title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) section 236.1015 and title 49 United States Code (U.S.C.) 20157(h). Pursuant to 49 CFR 236.1035, a railroad must obtain FRA's approval before field testing an uncertified PTC system, or a product of an uncertified PTC system, or any regression testing of a certified PTC system on the general rail system. *See* 49 CFR 236.1035(a). Please see Amtrak's test request for the required information, including a complete description of Amtrak's Concept of Operations and its specific test procedures, including the measures that will be taken to ensure safety during testing.

Amtrak's test request is available for review online at *<https://www.regulations.gov>* (Docket No. FRA-2010-0029). Interested parties are invited to comment on the test request by submitting written comments or data. During its review of the test request, FRA will consider any comments or data submitted. However, FRA may elect not to respond to any particular comment, and under 49 CFR 236.1035, FRA maintains the authority to approve, approve with conditions, or deny the test request at its sole discretion.

Privacy Act Notice

In accordance with 49 CFR 211.3, FRA solicits comments from the public to better inform its decisions. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to *<https://www.regulations.gov>*, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at *<https://www.transportation.gov/privacy>*. *See <https://www.regulations.gov/privacy-notice>* for the privacy notice of regulations.gov. To facilitate comment tracking, we

encourage commenters to provide their name, or the name of their organization; however, submission of names is completely optional. If you wish to provide comments containing proprietary or confidential information, please contact FRA for alternate submission instructions.

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